

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 11-28 have been newly added. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-10 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,738,730. Claims 1-10 have been canceled in order to overcome the double patenting rejection.

New Claims

Claims 11-19 are directed to a method of the invention that sets forth steps corresponding to the functions performed by the means limitation of patented claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,730, which is the patent issued from the parent application. Accordingly, claims 11-19 should be allowable.

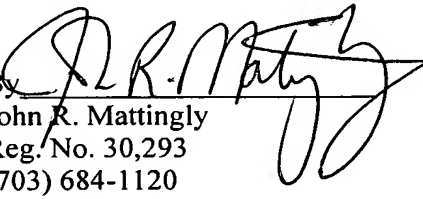
Claims 20-28 are program claims setting forth a computer implemented program for controlling performance in a operation processing means, wherein the program executes process steps corresponding to the functions performed by the means set forth in claims 1-9 of the parent patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,738,730. Accordingly, each of these claims should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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